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SUBJECT: ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENT; FIRST JOINT CMTE MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS SUMMARY OF MEETING
BY DEPT OFFICERS. MESSAGE WILL BE RECEIVED FOR CLEARANCE
WHEN USAEC STAFF MEMBERS RETURN FROM TOUR OF US.

2. THREE-DAY MEETING CONCLUDED FEBRUARY 6 WITH SIGNING
BY CHAIRMAN PETROSYANTS AND COMMISSIONER LARSON AT SOVIET
EMBASSY RECEPTION OF JC REGULATIONS AND CTR PROTOCOL. IN
ADDITION TO MEETINGS PETROSYANTS MET PRIVATELY WITH AEC
CHAIRMAN RAY AND LARSON AND ALONG WITH LARSON PAID COURTESY
CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY RUSH. AT HIS REQUEST PETROSYANTS
VISITED PEACH BOTTOM II REACTOR IN PENNSYLVANIA ALONG WITH
MAKSIMOV DURING BREAK IN SESSIONS. SOVIET DELEGATES NOW ON
SCHEDULED TOURS WHICH APPEAR TO FULLY MEET THEIR REQUESTS
REPORTED EARLIER BY EMBASSY.

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3. CTR. JOINT FUSION POWER COORDINATING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED WITH HIRSCH AND VELIKHOV AS CO-CHAIRMEN. EIGHT MEMBERS TO BE NAMED ON EACH SIDE. SPECIALISTS' REPORT NOTED EXCEEDINGLY USEFUL INTERCHANGE AND ACHIEVEMENT OF BETTER DEFINITION OF SOME PROBLEMS FACING BOTH SIDES.

SPECIALISTS PROPOSED EXCHANGES AND WORKING VISITS IN FOURTEEN AREAS DURING REMAINDER OF 1974. FIRST MEETING OF JFPCC SET FOR FIRST WEEK OF MAY IN USSR. VELIKHOV TO PROVIDE LETTER OF INVITATION.

4. FAST BREEDER REACTORS. JOINT FAST BREEDER REACTOR COORDINATING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED WITH EDWIN KINTNER AND O. D. KAZAKHOVSKIY AS CO-CHAIRMEN, ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE NAMED LATER. DRAFT PROTOCOL AND ANNEX ON PROGRAMS FOR 1974/1975 TO BE EXCHANGED BY MAY 1, 1974 AND REVIEWED AT FIRST JFBRCC MEETING IN JUNE OR SEPT. IN MOSCOW. JOINT SEMINAR ON STEAM GENERATORS RELATED TO FAST BREEDER REACTOR TECHNOLOGY SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 1974 IN USA.

5. FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS. SPECIALISTS RECOMMENDED NO JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE BE ESTABLISHED AT THIS TIME IN THIS AREA AND THAT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COLLABORATION COULD BEST EMERGE FROM SCIENTIST-TO-SCIENTIST INTERACTION, WITH APPROPRIATE PROTOCOLS TO BE DRAFTED LATER. EACH SIDE TO DESIGNATE IN NEXT MONTH ONE OR TWO COORDINATORS TO HANDLE COMMUNICATIONS, AND SPECIALISTS PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECT TELEX LINK BETWEEN COORDINATORS. SPECIALISTS PROPOSED THAT TOPICAL SEMINAR ON HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS BE HELD BEFORE NEXT AE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, PROBABLY ABOUT MAY 1974 IN US.

6. NEXT AE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR ABOUT OCTOBER 1 IN USSR. RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF FIRST MEETING, RECOMMENDATIONS OF GROUPS OF SPECIALISTS, AND TEXT OF CTR PROTOCOL BEING POUCHED AS AVAILABLE.

7. COMMENT: MEETINGS WERE CONDUCTED IN CORDIAL, POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND PROCEEDINGS GENERALLY WENT SMOOTHLY. STICKIEST ISSUE WAS PROBABLY QUESTION OF HEALTHCARE/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR SOVIET SCIENTISTS WHO WILL IN FUTURE MAKE RELATIVELY LONG-TERM STAYS IN USA. ANOTHER TOPIC WHICH PROMPTED EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION WAS THAT OF FREEDOM TO PUBLISH. SOVIET VIEW WAS THAT REPORTS RESULTING FROM COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES SHOULD ONLY BE PUBLISHED AFTER PERMISSION OF BOTH SIDES OBTAINED. BOTH ISSUES WILL BE DEALT WITH IN RECORD OF DISCUSSION NOW UNDER PREPARATION RATHER THAN IN REGULATIONS.

8. AS SPECIFIC EXAMPLE OF POTENTIAL OF COOPERATION, IN
FIELD OF FAST BREEDER REACTORS SOVIETS HAVE MORE OPERATING
EXPERIENCE BUT US IS AHEAD IN ENGINEERING DESIGN AND
SAFETY ASPECTS. COOPERATION SHOULD BRING CONSIDERABLE
MUTUAL BENEFIT, SAVING OF FUNDS, AND ACCELERATED DEVELOP-
MENT OF PRACTICAL ACHIEVEMENTS. KISSINGER

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